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SUBJECT: GOB SEEKING PROPOSALS TO BUILD URANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANT

1. WELL INFORMED SOURCES DURING RECENT WEEKS HAVE INDICATED THAT GOB IS ACTIVELY INTERESTED IN FUTURE CONSTRUCTION OF URANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANT TO FUEL NUCLEAR POWER REACTORS.

2. WESTINGHOUSE REPRESENTATIVE IN RIO TO DAY INFORMED US THAT GOB SPOKESMEN REPRESENTING MINISTER OF MINES & ENERGY SHIGEAKI UEKI HAVE NOW APPROACHED HIM ASKING WHETHER WESTINGHOUSE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN MAKING A PROPOSAL TO ENTER INTO AN EVENTUAL JOINT VENTURE FOR CONSTRUCTING SUCH A PLANT. THE GOB WOULD MAKE AVAILABLE 1.5 TO 2.0 MILLION KILOWATS OF POWER AT VERY LOW COST, APPARENTLY FROM HYDROELECTRIC PROJECTS TO BE CONSTRUCTED SOON IN NORTH AND NORTHEAST.

3. THE WESTINGHOUSE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS THAT SIMILAR INQUIRY IS BEING PLACED WITH FRENCH,
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EMPLOYING THE DIFFUSION PROCESS, AND WITH CONSORTIUM

BEING FORMED IN NETHERLANDS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF
CENTRIFUGE PROCESS.

4. OTHER CONGEN SOURCES CONFIRM GOB INTEREST
BUT IN OPINION THESE SOURCES IS THAT THE PRESENT
GOB INQUIRY MAY BE DESIGNED PRIMARILY TO ASSESS
PROSPECTS AND PROBLEMS IN RELEASE OF UNITED STATES
AND EUROPEAN TECHNOLOGY.

5. BECAUSE OF POTENTIAL IMPORTANCE THIS GOB
INQUIRY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON COMMENTS AND
GUIDANCE. PARTICULARLY HELPFUL WOULD BE INFORMATION
CONCERNING CAPABILITIES EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO
RELEASE THIS TECHNOLOGY FOR GOB USE, AND EXTENT
TO WHICH U.S. FIRMS CAN OR SHOULD RESPOND TO GOB
INQUIRY.

6. WE SUGGEST THIS MSSAGE BE DISCUSSED IN
WASHINGTON WITH DONALD REYNOLDS, OUR BRAZIL
SCIENCE OFFICER, WHO IS NOW IN DEPARTMENT AT
SCIENCE OFFICERS' CONFERENCE.
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